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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 5-13, with the following amended paragraph:

It will be understood that, although as shown in FIG. 1 communication between the service and the subsystem occurs via the interconnect 140, this interconnect may in practice be provided in the form of a device driver in an adapter-based solution where the device driver communicates with an adapter, as shown in FIG. 1A, (not shown) of the storage subsystem. Alternatively, the interconnect may communicate with a controller, as shown in FIG. 1B, (not shown) of the storage subsystem. It will further be understood that the arrangement shown in FIG. 1 represents both “in band” communication where the service uses the same route as I/O transactions and “out of band” communication over perhaps Ethernet or some other interconnect.